

little effect to prevent its commission. While no disgrace attaches to the punishment, the trifling loss of money by the forfeiture, is disregarded, in the general profit of the trade. Indeed the very character of the penalty induces but to an indifferent estimate of the nature of the transgression. If it does not serve to palliate the crime in a moral point of view, it does little to rebuke it by any public admonition of its heinousness. In what respect does the fabrication of Tickets in schemes of unlicensed or pretended Lotteries, differ from the grossest act of counterfeiting; or the unlimited multiplication and sale of parts of tickets, beyond whole numbers constitute a more venial fraud than the uttering of spurious Bank paper? I humbly submit, that these acts, wilfully committed, should be ranked in the same class of offences, and that imprisonment and infamy should be denounced by the violated law, against the perpetrators of the felony.

Permit me earnestly to commend the subject to your investigation, and to suggest the expediency of a revision of the existing Statute, with a view to new provisions, which shall reach the extensive and complicated frauds which are represented to be now so recklessly practised, in all the ramifications, through which the ingenuity of depraved men has sought to conceal the pursuit of an unlawful business, and to protect themselves in the enjoyment of iniquitous gains, to the waste of the morals, property, and oft times the lives of their Fellow Men. When we shall ourselves have adopted all such measures as may promise effectually to restrain the enormity at home, we can with better propriety, appeal to other States for their co-operation, in producing a more general and lasting reform.

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